TRAVANCORE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Thursday, 25th September 1924.

SECOND SESSION, 1099.

(Adjourned Meeting).

(Official Report.)

The Council re-assembled in the Victoria Jubilee Town Hall at Eleven thirty-six of the Clock, the President presiding.

NEW MEMBER.

The following member was sworn in :
Mr. W. H. Pitt (*Commissioner of Police*).

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

[*Order made by the President under Standing Order No. 12* —

(1) Printed copies of the questions and answers to be put and given at a meeting of the Council shall be placed on the Council table 15 minutes before the President takes his seat.

(2) The questions shall be put and answered in the following manner :—

The Secretary shall call the name of each interpellator in serial order, specify the serial number of his questions and make a sufficient pause to allow him a reasonable opportunity of rising in his place, if he is desirous of asking a supplementary question. Supplementary questions must be put immediately after the principal questions to which they relate.]

Vernacular Schools, Vaikam.

81. MR. N. RAMAKRISHNA PILLAI (*Vaikam* cum *Ettumanur*): Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the amounts spent for the Matiyattara (Vaikam West) and the Aiyarkulangara vernacular schools in the shape of compensation for buildings, furniture and school appliances, since these schools were handed over to the Education Department ;

(*b*) whether a first grade Headmaster will be put in charge of at least one of these schools ;

(*c*) whether the furniture and school appliances of the Vaikam Vernacular Middle School, which was recently abolished, will be distributed between these two schools ;

(*d*) whether the Munshi, the Drill Master and the teachers who were relieved from the Vaikam Middle School will be posted to these schools ; and

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[Mr. T. Kumara Pillai.]

(*e*) whether the Government will acquire land and start a primary school in the town ?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) :

(*a*) The information has been called for.

(*b*) The matter is being examined by the Ag. Director of Public Instruction.

(*c*) Yes. The Inspector of Vernacular Schools has issued the necessary orders in the matter already.

(*d*) No. These members of the Vaikam V. M. School staff have been transferred to other schools where the need for them was greater.

(*e*) Yes. The Government have sanctioned this and the Ag. Director of Public Instruction will take the necessary action in the matter.

MR. N. RAMAKRISHNA PILLAI (*Vaikam* cum *Ettumanur*): May I know whether a first grade Headmaster will be put in charge of one of these schools at least during the course of this year ?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : It is stated in the answer that the matter is being examined by the Acting Director of Public Instruction and the member's wish will certainly be communicated to him.

MR. N. RAMAKRISHNA PILLAI (*Vaikam* cum *Ettumanur*) : May I know whether the Drill Master and the Munshi were not members of the staff of the school which was recently abolished ?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : Yes, they were attached to the school which was abolished.

MR. N. RAMAKRISHNA PILLAI (*Vaikam* cum *Ettumanur*) : May I know whether, during the course of this year, the Munshi and the Drill Master will be entertained in one of these schools ?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : There is no provision in the Education Budget for this year for the appointment of any additional Munshi or Drill Master in Vernacular schools.

Motor Buses.

82. MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI (*Eraniel* cum *Vilavankod*): Will the Government be pleased to prepare and lay on the table a statement showing :

(*a*) the number of motor buses and lorries carrying more than nine passengers, licensed to ply daily on the Trivandrum-Nagercoil, Trivandrum-Quilon, Kottarakara-Kottayam and Kottayam-Mundakayam roads ;

(*b*) the head weight of each ; and

(*c*) the number of buses and lorries run by Travancoreans and by foreigners ?

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